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I find the settlement with Microsoft troubling in many ways, for instance section III.A.2 seems specifically to allow the continuation of one of the worst of MS's practises. However rather than criticise the many legal points I suggest that a fine solution could come in the the terms and conditions of the remedy.

Microsoft atoning for past misdeeds by insinuating even more of their software into key positions such as schools and public service institutions is mind boggling. Why not require Microsoft to purchase hardware for these institutions, with open source operating systems and software instead? Perfectly viable alternatives (superior in our view) exist.